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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: July 7, 2010

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1221

RE: Cooperative Agreement: Regional Express Lane Project: California Department of Transportation

The Transportation 2035 Plan includes an 800-mile Regional Express Lane Network. Under any of the statutory vehicles for planning and implementing such a Network, close cooperation between MTC and Caltrans will be necessary. Staff is recommending that the Committee refer to the Commission for its approval a recommendation to authorize a cooperative agreement between MTC and Caltrans that assigns responsibilities for cooperation and coordination between the two agencies in the context of developing a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Regional Express Lane Network and reimburses Caltrans for up to \$500,000 in staff costs related to the assessment and development of the Network.

Key Points of Agreement

The cooperative agreement includes the following key points of agreement:

- MTC will continue to provide overall leadership for developing the Network.
- MTC and Caltrans will establish a steering committee to manage the Project Study Report, ensure its effective coordination and agree upon a work plan.
- In consultation with county CMAs and Caltrans, MTC will assess the business case and delivery options for the Network: apply screening criteria, including comparative analyses of different project delivery methods; and make a decision on whether the Network will move forward as a project and by what delivery methods.
- MTC and Caltrans will agree upon design principles to expedite implementation of the Network in conformance with statewide managed lanes guidelines.
- MTC will initially commit \$500,000 to Caltrans for its work under the cooperative agreement. This will fund Caltrans' oversight for a project study report, as required under any of the statutory vehicles for implementing the Network.

The current draft of the cooperative agreement is attached to this memorandum.

Recommendation

Staff requests that this Committee refer to the full Commission for approval a recommendation authorizing the Executive Director or his designated representative to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans in the maximum amount of \$500,000 in connection with the Regional Express Lane Network, subject also to the approval of a budget allocation for the agreement by the Commission on July 28, 2010.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Consultant Contract

Work Item No.:	1236
Parties:	California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
Project Title:	Regional Express Lane Network Cooperative Agreement
Purpose of Project:	Establish a work plan through which MTC and Caltrans will partner to support development of the Regional Express Lane Network. Provide funds to Caltrans for oversight of a project study report, as part of the work plan.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$500,000
Fund Source:	Bridge Tolls (AB 1171)
Fiscal Impact:	Project is proposed for inclusion in MTC's budget for FY 2010-11.
Motion by Committee:	That the Committee refers to the Commission for its approval a recommendation authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the purposes stated above; and that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$500,000 for such Agreement, subject to Commission approval to allocate AB 1171 funds to this project on July 28, 2010.
Admin Committee Chair:	<hr/> Tom Bates, Chair
Approved:	July 14, 2010